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DAYTON, Ohio, September 2, 1976 --- Erma Bombeck, a Dayton native and world-wide syndicated columnist, has been chosen to receive the 1976 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Dayton Alumni Association.

Mrs. Bombeck, a 1949 graduate of UD, will receive the award at UD's Homecoming Weekend dinner, October 23. She was chosen for the award, according to Brother Elmer Lackner, S.M. special assistant to the President, "for her national reputation as a columnist of humor based on the portrayal of good, wholesome family situations."

Mrs. Bombeck began her column 11 years ago as a suburban housewife in Dayton. It is now syndicated in 542 newspapers in the United States and three foreign countries. In addition to her column, Mrs. Bombeck makes video-tapes three times a week for ABC's Good Morning America show, writes for Reader's Digest, Family Circle and Good Housekeeping, and makes about 30 lecture appearances a year.

Mrs. Bombeck presently resides in Phoenix, Arizona. She and her husband, William L., who is associated with the Phoenix-Union School System, are the parents of three children.

Before moving to Arizona, they lived in Bellbrook, Ohio and earlier Centerville, Ohio. Mrs. Bombeck will be bringing a book out this fall entitled The Grass is Greener over the Septic Tank about "life and hard times" in Centerville.